

# Foodie's, Finally!

Long awaited  
market to open  
Thursday

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With its grand opening slated for Thursday, Foodie's Duxbury Market is creating the kind of buzz normally associated with big budget Hollywood films.

"I want to go and introduce myself as the person who wrote the first letter in support of Foodie's," said Bay Road resident Selden Tearse. "I'm so excited, and I know there's been a lot of buzz about the store throughout the town."

Foodie's will fill the hole in Hall's Corner that was filled by the A&P, and then briefly the Grand Union, for almost 35 years.

"It will be really nice to be able to shop every couple of days and not have to load up and do big shopping once a week," Tearse said.

To say that Joan Sullivan of Surplus Street is excited about the opening of Foodie's might be an understatement.

"I'm so excited," she said. "The only thing I'm disappointed about is that there's brown paper on the windows and I'm not able to peek in and check what they are stocking the shelves with."

On Monday morning, the staff at Foodie's was busy putting the finishing touches

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on the produce display tables and taking the cappuccino maker in the coffee bar for a test drive. The aisles of dry goods were all perfectly lined up on their shelves, and workers were busy stocking the 500-square-foot wine and beer section.

"We should be all set for Thursday," said Foodie's marketing director Elizabeth Cornaro.

In March, Foodie's owner Victor Leon announced his intentions to renovate the vacant 20,000-square foot former A&P space and open his second Foodie's Market. Leon has owned Foodie's Urban Market in the South End for over a decade.

The Duxbury location is twice as big as the South End store, Cornaro said, allowing the opportunity to bring in more products.

The store will also feature an extensive prepared foods section and top-of-the-line produce, meat, deli, cheese



The employees at the new Foodie's Duxbury Market are almost ready for Thursday's grand opening.

and bakery sections, Cornaro said.

Local shopper Sullivan said she's scouted out the South End store, and she liked what she saw.

"It was so impressive," she said. "The quality of the produce was especially good. It was like a European Market."

Foodie's opening is also

causing a buzz with some other local merchants.

John Stanton, owner of The Studio across the street from the Foodie's plaza, said he expects the new market to draw more business into the area like a Trader Joe's or Whole Food Market.

"This should really help the town," said Anne Antonellis, president of the

Duxbury Business Association. "People will be able to shop in Duxbury and not have to go out of town."

Antonellis said she and her husband are excited about the prospect of buying their groceries in downtown Duxbury.

"We were grocery shopping this weekend, and my husband said it was the last time that we'll have to go out of town," Antonellis said.

Selectman Betsy Sullivan said Foodie's will be a needed shot in the arm for the commercial district in Duxbury.

"It will provide a service

that is desperately needed in the community," she said. "It will be where candidates go to collect signatures, where Girl Scouts will sell cookies, and where you'll see the local cheerleaders and hockey players. It fills a huge void."

The ribbon-cutting ceremony for Foodie's is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Thursday. Following the ribbon cutting, the store will be open for business.

"We're inviting the whole town to come down," Cornaro said. "There'll be lots of vendors and samples on hand for the first two weeks."

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Among the samples will be the prepared meals created by Boston chef Laura Brennan.

After the grand opening, Foodie's will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.